

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael Arcuri (D-Utica) today announced \$63,485 in Assistance to Firefighters Grants through the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training Preparedness Directorate for two local fire departments to enhance preparedness as first responders.

“Local fire departments have done an incredible job making sure that they are prepared first responders,” Arcuri said. “I am pleased to announce this latest round of Assistance to Firefighters grants that will help fire departments purchase new equipment and receive valuable training. I recently voted to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 commission because I know how crucial it is to fully fund first responders and ensure that New York gets the federal funds it needs and deserves.”

The grants, for operations and safety, included:

- \$33,122 for the Wells Bridge Fire Department
- \$30,363 for the Ilion Fire Department

The Ilion Department will be using the grant to purchase exercise equipment to help firefighters improve their overall physical agility. The grant will also be used to upgrade the department's air packs.

Since 2001 \$2.4 billion in grants have been awarded to first responders to purchase responsive equipment, personal protective equipment, and vehicles.

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